

I am disappointed in your attempts to regulate Digital TV broadcasts by mandating the use of special copy-protection hardware in digital receivers. Forcing consumers to buy this hardware will thwart the adoption of digital television. Moreover, this hardware will restrict my ability to make legal copies or time-shift programs. As a computer researcher, these restrictions will also curtail the research freedom that is required for new ideas to emerge in this area.

Most importantly, I feel genuine disgust at the idea that the FCC is willing to regulate how I watch television simply in order to appease content producers. Your agency should be protecting the consumers from having to purchase costly and unnecessary hardware that they do not want.